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Systems of Weights and Measures

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Metric

Weight:

1 kilogramme (kg.)=2.205 pounds
1 metric ton=1.02 short tons
=0.984 long ton

1 pound (lb.)=0.454 kilogramme
1 short ton (2,000 lb.)=0.907 metric ton
1 long ton (2,240 lb.)=1.016 metric tons

(N.B. Amounts in tons refer to metric tons unless otherwise stated)

Length:

1 metre=3.281 feet
1 kilometre (km.)=0.621 mile

1 foot=0.305 metre
1 mile=1.609 kilometres

Area:

1 hectare=2.471 acres
1 square km.=0.386 square mile

1 acre=0.405 hectare
1 square mile=2.590 square km.

Capacity:

1 litre=0.220 Imperial gallon
=0.264 U.S. gallon

1 Imperial gallon=4.546 litres
1 U.S. gallon=3.785 litres

(N.B. 5 Imperial gallons are approximately equal to 6 U.S. gallons)

Volume:

1 cubic metre=35.31 cubic feet
=1.31 cubic yards

1 cubic foot=0.028 cubic metre
1 cubic yard=0.765 cubic metre

Latin American

The legal system in all countries is the metric, but the following units are also in common use:

Weight:

The *arroba* is approximately 11.5 kg. (25.34 lb.) in most countries, except for Uruguay (10 kg.) and Colombia (12.5 kg.). The metric *arroba* of 15 kg. is used in Brazil.

The *quintal* equals 4 *arrobas* (generally 46 kg. or 101.36 lb.); the metric *quintal* is 100 kg.

Area:

The *manzana*, used in Central America, is about 0.7 hectare (1.73 acres).

Particular Commodities

The *bag* of coffee, cacao, sugar or other commodity is of 60 kg. (132.3 lb.), unless otherwise stated.

The *bale* of cotton in International Cotton Advisory Committee statistics is equal to 478 lb. (216.9 kg.); in U.S. statistics it is 480 lb. (217.8 kg.).

The *bale* of wool (Uruguay) is calculated at an average of 950 lb. (430 kg.) for greasy and scoured wool, and of 705 lb. (320 kg.) for tops, noils and waste.

The *barrel* of petroleum is of 42 U.S. gallons (34.973 Imperial gallons), or 0.159 cubic metre. One cubic metre equals approximately 6.29 barrels. The net weight of crude petroleum varies according to the density of the liquid:

1 barrel: 125-150 kg. (275-330 lb.)

1 cubic metre: 790-940 kg. (1,740-2,070 lb.)

The *bushel* of wheat quoted in Commonwealth countries' statistics is equal to 60 lb. (27.2 kg.).

The *troy ounce*, used for gold and silver, is about 1.1 ounces avoirdupois (31.1 grammes).

